

SAW TWO U.S. HELICOPTERS SHOT DOWN IN CAMBODIA

NEAR THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER BY 12.7MM ANTIAIRCRAFT MACHINEGUNS

OF THE VIET CONG MILITARY REGION 2 (VC MR-2)

AND SAW ONE CRASH NEAR XT165004. THE OTHER, HE

LEARNED LATER, CRASHED NEAR XS171999. THE TWO HELICOPTERS.

FLYING WITH THREE OTHER HELICOPTERS, HAD BEEN STRAFING AN

UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT OF THE VC KIEN TUONG PROVINCE UNIT, LOCATED

NEARBY. ONE OF THE THREE HELICOPTERS THAT WERE NOT HIT ATTEMPTED

TO RESCUE THE CREWMEN OF THE DOWNED HELICOPTERS BUT IT FAILED

BECAUSE OF HEAVY FIRE FROM VC GUNNERS. BOTH HELICOPTERS BURNED

WHEN THEY CRASHED.

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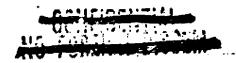
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HE SAW FIVE MEN LEAVE THE HELICOPTER AND RUN TOWARDS SOUTH VIETNAM. THO OF THE FIVE WERE SHOT AND KILLED ABOUT SEVEN METERS FROM THE CRASH SITE: NOT KNOW WHAT BECAME OF THE OTHER THREE MEN.

ABOUT AN HOUR AFTER THE CRASH, TAM WENT TO THE CRASH SITE AND OBSERVED THE BODIES OF THE TWO MEN WHO HAD BEEN SHOT. BOTH WERE CAUCASIAN, ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD, ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL, AND WERE DRESSED IN GREEN FLIGHT SUITS. ONE MAN WEIGHED ABOUT 90 KILOS AND HAD A ROUND, BLACK BIRTH MARK ON HIS RIGHT CHEEK, AND A HIGH FOREHEAD. THE OTHER WEIGHED ABOUT 80 KILOS. WAS SHOWN THE ALBUM OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST AISTA BUT WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OF THE PHOTOS.)

DID NOT GO TO THE CRASH SITE OF THE SECOND
HELICOPTER BECAUSE THE AREA WAS SHAMPY. HONEVER,
TOLD HIM THAT TWO OF THE CREWNEN ON THAT HELICOPTER
WERE ALSO SHOT AND KILLED WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO FLEE FROM
THEIR CRASHED AIRCRAFT. THEY WERE SHOT WITHIN TEN METERS



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OF THE HELICOPTE:

BOTH WERE CAUCASIAN. THE GUARDS TOLD

THAT THE FOUR BOY

ES WERE BURIED BY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS

LIVING IN THE ARE

AT THAT TIME. THE LOCATION OF THE GRAVES.

WAS NOT REVEALED.

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